(b) the criteria and principles adopted by the Council to assess the eligibility of an institution to receive its accreditation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) assesses and accredits universities/university level institutions recognised by UGC and colleges affiliated to recognised universities, with an objective of helping them to work continuously to improve upon the quality of teaching and research.The minimum eligibility criteria for assessment is that an institution should have completed five years of standing or two batches of passes out students. Assessment is a performance evaluation of an institution and/or its units and is accomplished through a process based on self-study and peer review using defined criteria such as curricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research consultancy and extension, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, organisation and management, healthy practices, etc.

Privatisation of college/university education

402. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under active consideration to privatise college and university education in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b)There is no proposal from Government of India to privatise higher education.

Inclusion of sports upto class XII

403. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a lively debate was on whether sports should be made compulsory till class XII; and

(b) if so, the details of the Ministry's view on this vital issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) From time to time the issue has been highlighted by different bodies and individuals. The NCERT has recommended compulsory inclusion of Health and Physical Education including sports as a part of the curricula, at all the stages of school education, upto class XII. The Government is of the view that ensuring and facilitating students' participation in any games and sports of their choice would result in better health of the younger generation.

Dwelling units for teachers

†404. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for constructing dwelling units for teachers in the school premises itself all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Government has no scheme for constructing dwelling units for teachers in the school premises. However, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti are providing staff quarters to their own staff including teachers.

National Service Scheme

405. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that National Service Scheme's volunteers from Karnataka are in the forefront of the scheme's activities at the national level;

(b) if so, what is the present quota for NSS volunteers at the college level, for Karnataka;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.